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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN

1. DOBRYNIN CAME IN FEBRUARY 12, PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST PRIOR TO MY TRIP THERE. I GAVE HIM A BROAD SKETCH DRAWN FROM MY TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE THIS WEEK. I SAID WE FULLY REALIZE THAT THERE ARE TWO CO-CHAIRMAN, THAT BOTH HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND THE OCCASION MAY ARISE WHEN WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO THAT END. REGARDING GENEVA, I SAID WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE RECONVENED BEFORE THE SECOND HALF OF 1977. I SAID THAT WHEN I RETURNED I WOULD DISCUSS MY TRIP WITH DOBRYNIN, AND WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS IT IN MOSCOW AS WELL.

2. DOBRYNIN APPRECIATED MY COMMENTS ON THE CO-CHAIRMAN AND MY INTENTION TO TALK WITH HIM AFTER MY TRIP. HE

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SAID THAT MY INTERLOCUTORS IN MOSCOW, INCLUDING BREZHNEV PERSONALLY, WOULD ALSO BE MOST INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED WITH MY COMMENT ABOUT THE TIMING OF GENEVA.

3. DOBRYNIN RAISED CYPRUS, AND I GAVE HIM A BRIEF RUNDOWN OF WHAT WE EXPECT THE CLIFFORD MISSION TO LOOK

INTO.

4. HE ALSO ASKED ABOUT OUR TIMETABLE ON SALT. I TOLD DOBRYNIN THAT WE EXPECT TO HAVE OUR REVIEW COMPLETE BY EARLY MARCH, AT WHICH TIME WE WOULD TRANSMIT OUT INITIAL VIEWS TO MOSCOW. DOBRYNIN SAID THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE A PRELIMINARY REACTION FROM MOSCOW BEFORE I GO. HE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT WOULD BE A REAL PROBLEM FOR MOSCOW TO PUT OFF BACKFIRE AND CRUISE MISSILES TO A LATER NEGOTIATION.

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